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Dear Bill:

I am taking advantage of Presidents' Day to work on Pumpkin Papers plans for next year. Naturally the first problem is to find our next orator. You and Nixon are hard acts to follow, but then there are always possible surprises.

We (that is, the Directors) met the other day to talk about this and came up with some names, although you may have some others. This year the organization will have the banquet in San Francisco.

The short list we came up with is:

The President himself;
William Buckley (to talk about
Chambers);
The Count de Marenches (ex-head
of CIDES)
Edward Teller (to talk about Fuchs,
etc.)
Judge Kaufman.

The reason we thought of the President is that there is a natural likelihood he will be here for the last days of the California political campaign, and might get some enjoyment out of an evening of this sort. This is a very long shot, but I think it worth pursuing. Would you have any ideas of how to do it? Meese would be one route, but he hasn't had a connexion with our Organization. Would you be able to sound this out?

You may have seen in the NY Times Nixon's PPI text in abbreviated form, and Alger's typical reply. We plan to publish the whole version of Nixon in a small pamphlet for our members, since I think it is by far the most important oration we have had so far. Were the President to attend, he might reminisce about his

early days in the Screen Writers' Guild, or whatever the Hollywood group was, in the blacklisting period. That had a profound influence on his political career, as he describes it in WHERE'S THE REST OF ME?

Henry Gruenwald has written to say he would like to come, to briefly talk about Chambers in TIME during the 1940's, but he would not be the main man.

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Sometime I would like to talk with you about an idea which came to me recently, that the Hoover Institution set up a little center for the comparative study of intelligence. As you know there is a vast and growing body of materials at the disposal of scholars, and a great deal of historical research going on, most of it disconnected and done by individual scholars. Hoover would be a natural place for this due to the archives they already have.

Very best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be the name "Paul". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "P" and the name "Paul" written below it.

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